



## Saint Luke's Church (Episcopal)

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Holy Week 2023

Greetings in the Name of our Risen Lord:

I pray this Lent season afforded you both time and opportunity to renew your faith. We made a right beginning to Lent by offering Ashes at the Long Island Railroad and New York City Subway stations and gathering for worship in the beautiful Saint Luke's sanctuary at 7:30pm. Ashes were imposed on nearly 100 people that day. A deacon from a Roman



Catholic Church stopped to talk with me. He said this action by St. Luke's inspired him to ask the priest of his parish to administer ashes outside the church next year. I replied by saying, we would welcome your company. Jesus said to the disciples, "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few." With Jesus, I am praying to the Lord of the Harvest for more St. Luke's members to carry the love of Christ outside the walls of this church on Ash Wednesday and throughout the year.

Saint Luke's has many opportunities to join us in worship during Holy Week and Easter. **Palm Sunday** (April 2) we will process from the parish hall to the church ringing bells, listen to a choral reading of the Passion, and hear music to prepare our hearts and soul for the Triduum (the three observances in Holy Week: Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter

Vigil). **Tuesday in Holy Week** (April 4) members of the congregation are invited to attend the Chrism Mass and Renewal of Ordination Vows by deacons, priests and bishops of the Diocese at the Cathedral of the Incarnation in Garden City at 11am. **Wednesday in Holy Week** (April 5) we close our study of a book by Greg Garret, *My Church is not Dying*. This is a Zoom session: Meeting ID: 831 9123 6558 and Passcode: STLUKESWED. On **Maundy Thursday** (April 6 at 7:30pm) we do those things Christ mandated in remembrance of him: to love one another (washing one another's feet); and to be a beloved community (celebrating Communion). On **Good Friday** (April 7 at 7:30pm) we will journey with Jesus to the cross in the Stations of the Cross service. On **Holy Saturday** (April 8 at 7:30pm) we celebrate the Easter Vigil. Three members will give addresses (Br. Bill Paine, Zee Dempster, and Chris Ashley) and we will have a Baptism for a new member (Li Yulian) into the household of Christ. **Easter Day** (April 9) we celebrate Christ's resurrection with 8am and 11am Communion Services and a Potluck Luncheon and Easter Egg Hunt at 12:30pm. Our Easter celebration continues on **Sunday, April 16** with a hymn sing during the 11am service. Please email your favorite hymns to the parish office by Wednesday, April 5 so they can be included in that service.

All St. Luke's worship services are in person and broadcast via Zoom: Meeting ID: 897 4444 1960 and Passcode: STLWORSHIP. Contributions are both needed and welcome for Easter plants and flowers and the music offered during the Easter services.

I pray that you will attend one or more services during Holy Week and Easter. Worship at St. Luke's is a transformative experience. The music, sermons and fellowship not only glorify God, they empower participants to love and serve in the world.

Yours in faith,

Cecily P. Broderick y Guerra,  
Interim Priest